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MACAO NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Macao, February 1.
The greater moiety of the five hundred and odd souls who were clustered on the broad slope at the rear of San Miguel on Friday at 2 p.m. must have assisted at a novel sight when a spotter was initiated into office. Our only was focussed on a long pole along the whole length of which twenty four cutlasses with blades upturned were attached at intervals of six inches. Barefooted the muphite clambered up the blunted rungs to a bamboo yard arm a couple of feet off the top. Here he perched astraddle, during a full-hour mummbling orisons and ever and anon scattering handfuls of charms and coppers, which set the seething multitude astir. The tyro is only sixteen yet this little rite launched him into a full-fledged divinator.
At 3 o'clock the same afternoon the Heungshan Magistrate, Mr. Lin, in company with the sub-prefect of Chin San, Mr. Cheung, called officially on H. E. the Governor. The party were escorted by Dr. Leikie, Protector of the Chinese. It is currently reported that the Magistrate alluded to the growing unrest in the Heungshan province.
Sr. Joao C. R. d'Assumpcao a well-known civil servant, passed away quietly at 2 a.m. on Saturday at the age of 49. An affection of the lungs placed him on the retired list a year ago.
The lessee of the Bon Vista Hotel has started a French bakery on the premises.
In a tastefully decked hall kindred and friends collected at 4 p.m. on Sunday for the annual prize distribution at the College of Santa Rosa da Lima. After the pupils had rendered in chorus the College Anthem, Nias Laura Machado very prettily welcomed the gathering. The Bishop Don Joao then pronounced an elaborate discourse which took up five and forty minutes, being supplemented by a few remarks from H. E. the Governor, who expressed his keen interest in all matters educational and the pleasure it gave him to note that there were 190 honourable mentions in a matriculation total of 128 pupils. The average attendance during the past year was 103 out of which 79 passed successful examinations. His Excellency added a cheering exhortation for the happy laureates to whom he next proceeded to hand the awards assisted by His Lordship. The audience were subsequently very charmingly entertained to fifteen items of a miscellaneous bill which included a comedy in French and a Horn Drill executed by forty pupils, causing the hall to resound with well earned applause. The two "Queen of Portugal" scholarships, founded in 1906 fall to Miss Maria do Rosario (\$40) and Miss Clara da Camara (\$20).
With a fair sprinkling of dominoes and a scintillating melody the soiree at the Club de Macao, ran on with merry vim till early this morning.
The man and the woman who were detained pending inquiry into the sudden death on Sunday morning of the municipal police constable Cordeiro, have been dismissed. Medical evidence attested that death was due to brain congestion induced by the violent struggle which occurred at 2 a.m. in a cage.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI**A CONTINUATION**

(Specially Written for the "CHINA MAIL.")

In one of the leading London periodicals
a great feature is now being made
of comparing, first, London against
Provincial towns, and then the latter
in competing against each other. These
articles seem to have caught on with the
home public—so the writer thought that
perhaps a comparison of the two premier
cities on the China coast might be of in-
terest to the general reader, not only to the
residents in either town but also for folk
at home who might have some thoughts
some day of trying their fortune out
here. The writer wishes it to be under-
stood that he does not claim to be infallible,
but he does declare that in this article he
has spoken of things as he has found
them and as they appeared to him. Very
likely, more than likely, other people saw
the same things but draw very different
inferences and adduced totally divergent
conclusions. One thing the writer will
say, he is not a "globe trotter." His
knowledge is not exactly superficial nor is
it derived from books, but from his own
observations and experiences extending
over more than ten years spent between
the two cities.

A comparison between the two places is
made the more interesting as they are in
many ways so similar but existing under
such different conditions. Both were
founded by the British, wrung from the
Chinese Government by force; both sites
were granted to the conquerors as
practically useless land, Hongkong a
barren island and Shanghai a marsh;
both have had the benefits of British
pluck, perseverance, business acumen,
and the doubtful advantage of altruism.

At the very start there was a dis-
tinction—many people considered it only
a distinction without a difference. Even
to-day though the difference between the
two cities is apparent to the most casual
observer, the distinction is almost hard to
fathom.

HONGKONG BECAME A COLONY; SHANGHAI
A SETTLEMENT.

Before comparing the two it is
necessary that the terms colony and
settlement should be thoroughly under-
stood. A colony may simply mean a
congregation of an alien nation living
within the borders of a friendly power.
We have colonies of Russian Jews in the
East-end of London, colonies of Italians
in Soho. Taken in this sense there is
no difference between a colony and a
settlement. A little further expansion
of the meanings of the two words mark a
divergence though their similarity are
easily seen. New Zealand now is a Colony
of Great Britain but it was first a
settlement. It has grown and become
powerful enough to throw off the
dominion of the native rulers; its
independence and integrity being guaran-
teed by one power, namely England. It
is self-governing and self-supporting but
it is a Colony, though officially styled a
Dominion. Shanghai is, more or less,
self-governing and self-supporting, but
it is not sovereign to any one Power, nor
has she been able to cast out the original
owners of the land on which she is built.
Shanghai to-day is Chinese territory and
has to pay an annual ground rent for her
holdings. Her integrity and safety are not
guaranteed by any one Power but by all
the Powers, therefore, she is a settlement
and not a colony. Hongkong, on the other hand,
has totally separated from China but is
guaranteed by only one Power and as she
is not a position to protect herself against
all or likely intruders her guarantor, Great
Britain, claims certain privileges and
advantages, therefore she is a Crown
Colony, in contradistinction to a self-
governing colony such as Australia or
Canada.

So much for the theoretical, as it might
be called, difference between the two cities;
one is a Crown Colony the other a Settle-
ment. Let us briefly study what are the
actual effects of this theoretical difference.
Hongkong has many advantages; no import
duties to pay on her food supplies, no
ground rent to disburse to a ruling alien
power, no interference from other envious
or antagonistic Powers. While she has
further affirmative advantages of one law
for all her residents and is a large and
important base for the maintenance of the
British Empire. She certainly has to pay
a military contribution but this is by no
means so great as the income derived from
the naval and military establishments in
the city. Shanghai has to pay at least five per cent
ad valorem on everything she imports.
She derives no benefit from the custom
duties, they go almost intact to China.
Neither has she a portion of her popula-
tion who derive their means of livelihood
from abroad. She suffers under the
further disadvantage that her residents
are governed by different laws, what is
a crime for one man to do is perfectly lawful
to another. Her only advantage, and one
that has been so successfully exploited
that it has gained her the proud title of
"The Model Settlement," is that within
very large limits she is allowed to govern
herself and elect her own officers. In fact,
it is this privilege that has enabled her in
many ways, to surpass her older southern
sister.

THE FRANCHISE.

The underlying cause of all the distinc-
tions between the two cities is undoubtedly
the difference in their forms of govern-
ment. Hongkong with all her splendid
advantages—one of the best harbours in
the world, situated in close proximity to
the second largest city in the Chinese
Empire—is severely handicapped by
being denied control of her own local affairs.
Even on a matter so important that one-
third to one-half of her revenue is affected
consideration. From the Governor down-
wards all the officials and business men
of the Colony objected to the arbitrary
suppression of the opium business but it
was nothing; orders had to be obeyed.
In the Northern City such local matters
are decided by the Municipal Council
elected by the own people. Shanghai

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Intimations.

**HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPART-
MENT.**

IT is hereby notified that information
has been received from the MILITARY
AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE
will be carried out as under:—

On FRIDAY, the 4th February, 1910:—

From the West of Stonecutters in a
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above date, practice will take place on the
following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to
keep clear of the range.

BASIL TAYLOR, Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, January 28, 1910. 144

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the Head
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Commanding Army Service Corps.

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signed and dated, and no tender will be
noticed unless made out on the proper
form and delivered at the Head Quar-
ters Office by noon on the above date, in a
closed envelope marked "Tender" on the
outside.

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Hongkong, August 3, 1909. 977

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THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held at
the OFFICES of the COMPANY, St.
George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road,
on SATURDAY, 5th February, 1910, at
11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the Report of
the General Managers for the year ending
31st December, 1909, and electing a Divi-
dend and a Committee of Directors and
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from MONDAY,
the 31st January, until SATURDAY,
the 5th February, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHAWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 23, 1910. 106

**THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING
COMPANY, LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the Company's
Office, Victoria Building, on MONDAY,
the 7th February, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1909.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from THURS-
DAY, the 3rd February to MONDAY,
the 7th February (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of Shares can be
registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the KOWLOON LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

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ING Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 23, 1910. 158

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BIRTH.

Potts.—At Shanghai, on the 3rd inst.,
the wife of Geo. Hutton Potts, of a son.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.
Opening of New Premises of Engineers
and Shipbuilders' Institute by H.E.
the Governor.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 6:—
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Provident
Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at Co's
Office.MONDAY, February 7:—
Noon.—Meeting of Kowloon Land and
Building Co., Ltd., at Co's Office.
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture at No. 1, Cameron Villa, Kow-
loon.TUESDAY, February 8:—
Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong, Canton &
Hampden Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co's
Office.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Royal Hongkong
Golf Club at Club House.
9.15 p.m.—Cathedral Choir Concert at
City Hall.WEDNESDAY, February 10:—
2.45 p.m.—Grand Daylight Boxing Con-
tests at Belle View Stadium.THURSDAY, February 12:—
Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong Rope
Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Co's
Office.
9 p.m.—Smoking Concert at Volunteer
Headquarters.FRIDAY, February 14:—
King Alfred Ball.SATURDAY, February 19:—
Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation at the
City Hall.MONDAY, February 21:—
Noon.—Tenders for the supply of Provi-
sions will be received at Head Quar-
ter Office, Victoria Barrack.SATURDAY, February 26:—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of National Bank
of China, Ltd., at Bank Office.
9 p.m.—Smoking Concert at Phoenix
Club.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1910.

HONGKONG'S SCHOOL SYSTEM.

STEERING at Queen's College on Wednes-
day His Excellency Sir FREDERICK
LEARD announced that he had appoint-
ed a small committee to report to
him upon the educational system of
Hongkong. The time has evidently
come, in the Governor's opinion, for
an examination into the methods of
the schools and the manner in which
the money voted from the public funds
for the purposes of education is expend-
ed. It has been Sir FREDERICK'S ill-
fortune to come to the headship of this
Colony at a time when the public
revenue shows signs of decrease all
round, while the demands of those
seeking education in our schools have
increased by leaps and bounds. It is
therefore necessary that steps should
be taken to so adjust matters that the
money at the Colony's disposal for
purposes of education should be
spent in such a manner as to bring
about the best results—the ideal of all
public administrators having the real
interests of the community at heart,
and yet so seldom attainable. With Sir
FREDERICK LEARD, we sincerely hope the
time will never come when we shall
have to decrease our expenditure on
education, while at the same time we
fully perceive that some limits should
reasonably be placed on the amount to
be drawn from local Treasury.
Again, there is no doubt that
many people to-day are asking whether

Hongkong, under the present system is
really getting full value for its money.
This may be a very jejune way of
looking at the question, but it is a
practical way all the same and one
which appeals most to the taxpayer.
We gather from the Governor's remarks
that it will not be the duty of the
newly appointed Committee to put the
Colony's educational system into the
melting pot and then to bring forth
a brand new design cast in a new
mould, but merely to make recom-
mendations upon certain definite ques-
tions. What these definite questions
may be seem to be foreshadowed in
recent speeches of His Excellency. They
refer, we imagine, first to hygiene,
the provision of proper accommodation
for the pupils; the ratio of scholars
to masters; that is, the reducing of
classes to adequate proportions; the
best methods of instilling in the pupils
minds the basic principles of morality,
public and private—the production, in
short, of what the old Latin stove after
in their academies, the producing of a
same mind within a sound body; and
finally the financial proportion of the cost
which the Colony should bear vis-a-vis
parents and guardians. Such, we opine,
is the outline which the Committee will
have to work upon and we shall await the
outcome of its labours with considerable
interest, for the enquiry they will take
in hand proceeds upon the right and
proper lines under the circumstances of
the time.

Into the broader aspects of the
educational question we do not propose
to enter at this moment. As Mr G.
K. CHAMBERLAIN says somewhere "many
eminent men" who have been quite
rational about other things, have been
quite mad about education"; and he is
not far wrong. In England we
have been tinkering at a system of
elementary education since 1870 and
the result to-day, it must be confessed,
is very disappointing. The moral tone
of the classes which filter through our
elementary schools is deplorable in the
extreme, while the smattering of know-
ledge so painfully imparted and so
crudely applied is turning out to be
of little worth; taking the nation
as a whole. Our Secondary Schools
afford the observer a little more
satisfaction, perhaps, owing principal-
ly to the slightly superior material
which the pedagogues have to work
upon; but even so, the resultant mass
does not compare with Scotland or
Germany for efficiency. In other words,
we are blundering along in the usual
English fashion knowing that some-
thing is wrong somewhere and yet
trusting in Providence that matters will
of their own accord come out right even-
tually. Meanwhile, despite the immense
sums we lavish, we are clearly not
giving the right sort of education to the
youth of the nation to enable them to
successfully meet the competition of bet-
ter trained though perhaps not naturally
better mentally endowed nations. That
is really the problem that faces us in
Hongkong. Are we really providing the
right sort of education; or are we merely
sowing a harvest of dragon's teeth? Some
part of this question the Committee
must speak of by the Governor may
be able to answer; the major premises,
however, must be left for the solution of
Father Time.

A mere poll tax is not enough to keep
Chinese labour out of British Columbia.
The tax on Oriental immigration was raised
from \$100 to \$500, and immigration stop-
ped almost entirely. This lasted for about
three years and a half. In the meanwhile
the Chinese already in the country found
their position vastly improved. Certain
classes of Chinese labourers who had been
receiving \$1 a day could now demand \$2.
The fish packers, whose wages during the
canning season run from \$25 to \$40 a
month, with board, found they could get
\$60 to \$80. The Chinese labour agency
now finds they can afford to pay the in-
creased tax, and more Chinese are com-
ing into British Columbia.

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ion, if not the praise, of those who
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Kidnapping is increasing to an alarm-
ing extent in the Colony at present.

Rear-Admiral de Horsey, whom many
will remember on this station, was married
during December to Miss Lang, of Selkirk.
Capt. Tunnard, R.N., was best man.

Nine and one-half millions of tele-
phones are used in the world. Of this
number 7,000,000 are in America, 2,000,000
in Europe and the other 300,000 scattered.

The management of the Salon Cine-
matograph have very generously invited
the children of "La Mascotte" to the
matinee performance on Saturday after-
noon.

The Congregational, Baptist, Welsh
Independents and Calvinistic Methodist
bodies in their yearly handbooks for 1910
report decreases in membership, due to the
continued reaction from the Welsh revival.

From Mr A. R. Hassan, representative
of Messrs. Chubb Bros, we have received
samples of Del Monte canned fruit. These
splendid goods have won a well deserved
reputation in the Orient and a big demand
is consequently springing up for them.

The Hongkong Civil Service List for
1910, compiled in the Colonial Secretary's
Office, has reached us. It is a valuable
publication and the additional pages which
contain the record of the Public Services of
Officers convey a good deal of interesting
information.

Mr Thomas H. Norton, United States
Consul at Chemnitz, gives his opinion that
systematic training of the youth in foreign
languages accounts for the rapid forward
movement of Germany, in capturing the
foreign markets of the world. This plan,
Mr Norton says, is being adopted with
increasing enthusiasm in the principal
industrial, and commercial centres of the
German empire.

A correspondent writes:—"Could you
not call the attention of the Head of the
Afforestation Department to the neglected
condition of many of the trees on Salisbury
Road, Kowloon. Some of these are mere
dead stumps, never having recovered from
the effects of the October typhoon. There
are other roads in Kowloon where the
trees require more than a little attending
to."

The Police Weekly News in extending a
greeting to the Police Force remarks with
charming brevity:—"We have been alone
in Kowloon since we were born a year ago,
and we have always felt the unshared
burden of representing so big a city as
Kowloon. We are now pleased to note the
realization of what Confucius says: "Virtue
is not left to stand alone. He who practices
it will have neighbours."

At the Literary Club, Kennedy Road,
this evening, a lecture will be delivered by
Mr C. G. Alabaster on "Usury." The
chair will be taken at 9 p.m. sharp, and
the subject is a very interesting one. A large
attendance is expected. Owing to the
Chinese New Year holidays the meeting
arranged for next Thursday, the 10th inst.,
has been altered to Monday, the 14th inst.,
which members are requested to please note.

The "Winning Post" Winter Annual
contains contributions from the pens of
Sir Ernest Shackleton, Miss Marie Stud-
holme, Miss Zena Dare and Mrs H. C.
James. It may interest our readers to
know that the latter lady, when resident in
Hongkong, was a frequent contributor to
the columns of the China Mail and that
some of her contributions were afterwards
locally published in book form as "Inter-
cepted Letters" and "The Islanders of
Hongkong."

Congressman Sabath believes that the
best way of great American fortunes upon
foreign noblemen by their marriage with
American women involve an economic
waste which ought not to go unchecked,
and he has framed a bill which he will
introduce providing for an export tax
on dowries, and, as regards all dowries
over \$20,000, a home-tax as well. The
export tax ranges from 1 per cent. on
fortunes of \$20,000, and increases ad
valorem until any bride with \$1,000,000
must pay Uncle Sam 20 per cent.

ILLNESS OF DR REES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wenow, Jan. 31.
We note with regret that our genial
Port doctor, Dr Philip Rees, has had a
serious breakdown in health which neces-
itates immediate furlough. Dr Rees has held
for some time past the post of Medical
Officer to H.M. Consulate and to the Staff
of L.M. Customs. He has won his way
into the affections of foreigners and Chinese
alike. He has been the recipient of many
tokens of the high esteem in which he is
held. Dr and Mrs Rees hope to leave by the
P. and O. Arcadia on Saturday next. We
wish them a pleasant visit to Europe and
hope that they may return to us in the best
of health.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS.

At Kowloon: H.M.S. "Rajah"
Anson, "Rio Lina," General, "Lewins."
H.Y.M.S. "Kronos," "Finn," "U.S.B."
Wilmington, U.S.S. "Ocala."
From Kowloon: "H.M.S. "Rajah"
Anson, "Rio Lina," General, "Lewins."
H.Y.M.S. "Kronos," "Finn," "U.S.B."
Wilmington, U.S.S. "Ocala."

NEW FLOATING FIRE ENGINE.

On Monday last the new floating fire
engine built by Messrs W. S. Bailey and
Co., Ltd., to the order of the Hongkong
Government, underwent her official speed
and efficiency trials in Kowloon Bay. The
vessel is of oak wood, very strongly built
and of first class workmanship throughout
and having twin screw engines with a de-
signed speed of eight knots.

The Fire Engines are by Merryweathers
and Co., of London, and arranged to throw
a number of powerful streams of water.
The water discharges are readily controlled
and under prolonged and severe tests gave
every satisfaction.

The vessel, under the able steersmanship
of Lieut. Beckwith, made two runs over the
measured mile, attaining a speed of 8½
knots, the machinery working very
smoothly. The vessel is ninety feet long
and will throw water to a height of 200 feet,
or in any direction.

The construction of the vessel has been
supervised by Mr James Macdonald, Govt.
Surveyor, and there were also on board Mr
D. Macdonald, of the Fire Brigade, Capt.
Biddle, Mr Gane and many other members
of the Fire Brigade. Mr M. O. Murphy
conducted the steam trials on behalf of his
firm, Messrs Bailey & Co., whose terms
were the most favourable received by the
Government. They have completed the
vessel within contract time, 34 months.

HOIHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The strong monsoon winds of the last
month have occasioned difficulty in working
cargo, to the steamers which anchor in the
open straits off this port. One steamer
was kept here nearly ten days, before
cargo boats would go out in the rough
harbour and discharge her cargo. There is
certainly need for the harbor improvement
which were proposed last year but of which
nothing has been heard for several months.

The number of our foreign buildings has
been increasing. The foundations have
been laid for a residence for the physician
associated with the French Consulate. He
has for several years been required to live
in a native house. The Church building
erected by the American Presbytery
Mission has been roofed and the windows
are now completing the towers. It is built
of dark grey volcanic rock and the walls are
painted outside and inside, and as it is
in the Gothic style of architecture, it
presents quite a churchy appearance.

The latest news from the interior re-
ports difficulties between the natives and
the Singapore Company which is mining
in the Tom-chow district near Nodas.
The price of rice has been very high in
that vicinity and the natives reported that
it was because the mining company were
buying up rice and sending it out of
the island. The natives in the town of
Nodas declared that no provisions should
be sold to the company's workmen by the
townpeople. This difficulty was settled by
the District Magistrate in favour of the
miners, and things went on as before till
recently a new trouble has arisen and
soldiers have been sent by the local man-
daries to protect the lives of the miners.
The missionaries at Nodas are rejoicing
that they are not included with the miners
in this movement of the turbulent element
of that region. It is very remarkable that
any movement, either intellectual or
material which is intended to improve the
Chinese should be so often looked upon
with suspicion and opposed by those who
could secure the most benefit by joining in
with the movement. The Nodas region
has been declared to be a variable
Klondike by an Australian mining engineer,
but the foolish natives would drive out the
Chinese concessionaires who are proceeding
to its development.

Two of our missionary families are
leaving this month for America and others
are going later, though the usual spring
changes in the Customs and Consular
services have not yet been announced.

CHINESE IN LONDON.

A Pleasant Entertainment.

Between 60 and 70 young Chinamen
and one young Chinese lady, law and
medical students at the British Universities
and Colleges, met in the lecture hall of
Regent's Park Baptist Church on the
evening of 28th Dec. The gathering was
arranged by the Rev. F. B. Meyer, who
sent a personal invitation to every Chinese
resident in England to meet him and a few
English friends at a Christmas family
festival. A number of English ladies
assisted Mr and Mrs Meyer to entertain
their guests. They were taught English
games, such as blind man's buff and hunt
the slipper, they cheered the English songs
and listened with attention to English
recitations, and at the close were rewarded
with a souvenir of a Christmas tree.
Before the more informal proceedings
began Mr Meyer read a letter from Sir
Robert Hart, regretting his inability to be
present, and also a letter from Lord Will-
iam Cecil wishing success to the gathering
and explaining that a previous engagement
prevented his attendance. In a few words
of greeting Mr Meyer said his immediate
purpose in bringing them together was to
make them feel a little less lonely in the
festive season and to brighten their hearts
by a bit of true British kindness.

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CHINESE Y.M.C.A. MEMBERSHIP CONTEST.

To-night at 8 o'clock there will be a
meeting at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. of
members and of business men who are non-
members to hear an address by Mr Geo.
E. Lorrigo on the work of the Y.M.C.A.
as viewed from a business man's standpoint.
This meeting will mark the beginning of
what promises to be an interesting and
exciting contest for an increase in the
membership of this Association to 1,000.

The campaign has been carefully planned
and the membership divided into four
teams, called the Yellows, the Pinks, the
Reds, and the Greens, with Mr J. M.
Wong, Dr. Nai Hop, Mr Lam Woo and
Mr F. C. Mow Fung as their respective
Captains.

Similar contests have been carried out
with success in Canton and Shanghai. In
Shanghai it is said that business men hired
rickshaws by the day, dropped their business
and worked like Trojans for the welfare of
the Association in that City, and it seems
that their example is being followed in
Hongkong. We anticipate an interesting
and exciting contest.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

A native who snatched a watch from a
shop-keeper on Pokfulam Road was sent to
goal for one year.

An owner of a sampan was fined \$20 for
failing to stop when called upon to do so
by the Police, while another native was
sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment
with hard labour for snatching a parcel
from Mrs Denny.

A Chinaman was sentenced to one
month's imprisonment for soliciting on
behalf of Chinese females. Ten gamblers
from Eastern Street appeared before Mr
J. R. Hallifax when the first two were
fined \$50 each and the remainder \$25 each.

Judgment was given on Wednesday, at
the Supreme Court, by the Acting Chief
Justice (the Hon. Mr W. R. Davies,
K.C.), in the case in which the Hong Kong
firm sued W. R. Lorrigo and Co. for \$4,274
for goods sold and delivered and the
defendants' counter-claim of \$2,400. His
Lordship gave judgment for the plain-
tiffs on the claim and for the defend-
ants on the counter-claim. The costs of
the action were reserved.

Two men belonging to a gang of opium
smugglers were fined \$500 each at the
Magistrate's day for having twelve and a
half tins of prepared opium in their pos-
session. It is understood that the gang is
now broken up as one man was fined \$610
last week. They used to carry on their
smuggling between Hongkong and Kow-
loon. On the information of the second
defendant a warrant was issued with regard
to 11 Wo On Lane where a quantity of
labels, pots and stamp dies were found.

A fine of \$7 was imposed on a boatman,
at the Magistrate's day, for carrying pas-
sengers in excess of the number allowed. A
native was charged with harbouring a girl
and his Worship sent defendant to the Regis-
trary General to see if he could settle the case as
he could only send the man to prison
Defendant appeared before the Court again
this afternoon when it was announced that
a settlement had been arrived at. The
parents of the girl were willing to accept
\$100 for her and defendant was remanded
on a surety of \$300 or cash bail of \$100 in
order that he might have an opportunity of
fading the money.

Nine boats having on board some
ninety fishermen from Sakao, Soes, Chiba
prefecture, proceeded to sea on the after-
noon of the 14th instant, and subsequently
encountered a heavy storm. The next day
three boats with thirty-one men returned
safely home, but the rest of the vessels
and fishermen are missing.

A POPULAR REMEDY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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ber of years, and the fact that it still
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colds and croup is a plain proof that it is
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DOES GREEK SEEK TROUBLE?

POWERS NEGOTIATING FOR SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 2.

At a Council of Ministers in Paris
M. Pichon, Minister for Foreign Affairs,
mentioned that the difficulties in the
Near East, were increased by the
convocation of the Hellenic National
Assembly, but he said the Powers were
negotiating to secure a settlement.

THE FRENCH DISASTER.

KAISER'S PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 3.

H. M. the Kaiser has expressed his
sympathy with France in her calamities
produced by the floods and has
contributed a sum of 21,000 to the
relief funds.

The Seine still continues to fall, and
life-boat service in most of the streets
has been discontinued.

BRITAIN'S NEWLY ACQUIRED TERRITORY.

PENNY POST ADOPTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, February 3.

The postage rates to Kelantan, Kedah,
Perlis and Trengganu have been reduced to
one penny per ounce.

[Note.—It was only last year that Siam
transferred to Great Britain all rights over
the Malay States of Kelantan, Trengganu,
Kedah, Perlis, and adjacent islands.—Ed.
C.M.]

"LA MASCOTTE."

Although excellent in their way it really
seems that each succeeding performance
of "La Mascotte," by the Portuguese
children eclipses its predecessors. From
the raising of the curtain at the Club
Lusitano on

